

## I-405 and Eastside Projects Update

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### Extensive I-90 lane and ramp closures at Eastgate for restriping

Beginning this Sunday, Sept. 17, weather permitting, crews will start restriping the eastbound I-90 lanes at Eastgate into their final configuration as we near completion of the [Sound Transit-funded new HOV ramps](#). Eastbound I-90 will be reduced to one lane Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights (Sept. 17-19). We'll also close the eastbound I-90 on-ramps from I-405 on Tuesday night, Sept. 19. Once we've finished restriping eastbound I-90, we'll move to westbound I-90 and restripe those lanes. Please plan to take alternate routes or allow extra time for delays during these closures.

### Don't miss your opportunity to comment on effects of SR 520 bridge replacement

In our August 17 update, we told you about the Draft Environmental Impact Statement that WSDOT published for the SR 520 bridge replacement project. The public comment period for this document ends October 2. You can [learn more and comment online](#), or attend one of the public hearings next week:

Monday, Sept. 18, 4 to 7 p.m. at Seattle's Museum of History and Industry (2700 24th Ave E.)

Thursday, Sept. 21, 4 to 7 p.m. at Bellevue's St. Luke's Church (3030 Bellevue Way NE)

### Sound Transit and WSDOT move forward with environmental review for East Link Project

WSDOT is co-lead with Sound Transit for the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) process on the High Capacity Transit (HCT) project in the east corridor linking Seattle, Mercer Island, Bellevue, Overlake and Redmond. The Sound Transit Board selected light rail as the preferred technology for the corridor, now called the East Link Project.

On September 1, the East Link project began the first step in the environmental impact statement (EIS) process called "public scoping." Comments are sought on the proposed scope of the EIS and this provides an opportunity for public input on proposed alternative route alignments, station locations, and preferred technology. Public meetings will be held:

- September 13, 4:30 to 7 p.m., Bellevue
- September 14, 4:30 to 7 p.m., Redmond
- September 20, 4:30 to 7 p.m., Seattle
- September 21, 4:30 to 7 p.m., Mercer Island

WSDOT and Sound Transit will prepare a draft EIS under the guidance of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Before the East Link Project can go into operation, the Sound Transit Board must include it in the ST2 program of projects, and that program must receive a favorable vote in the November 2007 referendum. Learn more about the [East Link Project](#).

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#### **I-405 travel options**

We're [helping you get around](#) during I-405 construction. Use the [online trip planner](#) and take advantage of additional service in Kirkland: [new Metro route 644](#), [expanded Metro route 255](#).

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